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Anti-Slavery Office,
May 28, 1855.

My dear Mr. Jewett:

The bearer of this is Benjamin Drew, Esq., for many years a teacher in one of the public schools in this city, who has recently visited the Canadian fugitives for the purpose of inquiring into their actual condition, and obtaining some narratives in regard to their experiences in slavery, and their flight therefrom. He has prepared an interesting and well-written manuscript on the subject, which he is desirous of getting printed, provided he can procure a publisher, and there is a probability that it will pay. No such work, in regard to the fugitives, is extant, and therefore it will possess a peculiar interest and present unique features.

What he wishes to obtain from you is, an opinion in regard to its merits, and the probability as to its sale. The manuscript is plainly and handsomely written, and can be read as easily as print. I should be gratified if you would give it an examination at your earliest leisure, and I know you will pronounce a prompt judgment in regard to it. What I have read of it satisfies me that it will make an interesting little volume.

Yours, to swell the anti-slavery tide,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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